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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: 25TH UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL: AGENDA ITEM 4 -
ASSISTANCE TO PALESTINIAN PEOPLE

REF: (A) GENEVA 9558; (B) GENEVA 9538

1. FURTHER TO QUESTION OF UNDP ASSISTANCE TO THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE, AS DEPT AWARE ECOSOC RESOLUTION 2100 (LXIII) ON THIS SUBJECT IS CALLED TO THE ATTENTION OF THE UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL IN DOCUMENT DP/301 (PAGE 23) AS ONE OF THE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY ORGANS OF THE UN REQUIRING ACTION BY THE UNDP. DOCUMENT DP/301 WILL BE EXAMINED BY THE GOVERNING COUNCIL UNDER ITEM 15 OF ITS AGENDA SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION TUESDAY, JUNE 27.
2. DURING CONSIDERATION OF ITEM 15 WE CAN CALL ATTENTION OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL TO THE FACT THAT THE U.S. VOTED AGAINST RES 2100 AND THE SIMILAR SUBSEQUENT UNIDO RESOLUTION, NOT BECAUSE IT OPPOSES INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS TO EXTEND ASSISTANCE TO THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE WHICH IN FACT IT HAS SUPPORTED AND CONTINUES TO SUPPORT, BUT BECAUSE OF THE ROLE WHICH THE RESOLUTIONS ENVISAGED FOR
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THE PLO IN THIS PROCESS AND THEIR CHARACTERIZATION OF THE PLO AS "THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE."
WE WOULD RECALL THIS RECORD ONLY IF SOUNDINGS INDICATED THAT BY DOING SO WE WOULD NOT RISK AGAIN BEING FACED WITH A RESOLUTION ON THIS SUBJECT.

3. WE NOTE THAT POSITION PAPER ON THIS SUBJECT (UNEC

D-194/78 ADD) AT ONE POINT APPEARS TO OBJECT TO ANY COOPERATION WITH THE PLO IN RESPECT OF ASSISTANCE TO THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE. WE ASSUME, HOWEVER, THAT DEPARTMENT WOULD NOT WISH US PUBLICLY TO OBJECT TO UNDP DISCUSSIONS WITH PLO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE KIND REPORTED IN MORSE'S STATEMENT (REF A). OUR OWN VIEW IS THAT IT WOULD BE BETTER PRIVATELY TO CAUTION MORSE ON HIS CONTACTS THE PLO, SHOULD DEPARTMENT WISH TO RAISE THIS ISSUE. REQUEST GUIDANCE ON THIS POINT ASAP.

4. AS REGARDS TREATMENT OF THIS MATTER TO DATE (REF B) PRIMARY USDEL OBJECTIVE HAS BEEN TO QUASH FORMAL SUBMISSION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION, ENLISTING ASSISTANCE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR IN THIS REGARD BY POINTING OUT DANGER TO GOVERNING COUNCIL'S TRADITIONAL CONSENSUS APPROACH IF SUCH "POLITICAL" RESOLUTION WERE INTRODUCED. US DEL HAD NO PART IN DEVELOPMENT OF SCENARIO WHICH EMERGED. IN THIS CONNECTION, MAIN FOCUS OF INTERVENTIONS WAS ON ASSISTANCE TO THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE AND NOT ON THE QUESTION OF THE PLO AS THEIR REPRESENTATIVE OR AS THE VEHICLE OF ASSISTANCE. SORENSON

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